

MORTGAGE MARKET AND HOUSING ENTERPRISES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of the mortgage market and the housing enterprises, focusing on the current financial crisis and weaknesses in the United States financial regulatory system, after receiving testimony from Edward J. DeMarco, Acting Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency; William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Peter J. Wallison, American Enterprise Institute, and Andrew Jakabovics, Center for American Progress Action Fund, both of Washington, D.C.; and Susan M. Wachter, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Philadelphia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: On September 24, 2009, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety and Security: Senators Dorgan (Chair), Inouye, Kerry, Boxer, Nelson (FL), Cantwell, Lautenberg, Pryor, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Warner, Begich, Snowe, Ensign, DeMint, Thune, Wicker, LeMieux, Isakson, Vitter, Brownback, and Johanns.

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet: Senators Kerry (Chair), Inouye, Dorgan, Nelson (FL), Cantwell, Lautenberg, Pryor, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Udall (NM), Warner, Begich, Ensign, Snowe, DeMint, Thune, Wicker, LeMieux, Isakson, Vitter, Brownback, and Johanns.

Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation and Export Promotion: Senators Klobuchar (Chair), Kerry, Dorgan, McCaskill, Udall (NM), Warner, Begich, LeMieux, Ensign, DeMint, Thune, Brownback, and Johanns.

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance: Senators Pryor (Chair), Dorgan, Boxer, Nelson (FL), McCaskill, Klobuchar, Udall (NM), Wicker, Snowe, DeMint, Thune, Isakson, and Vitter.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard: Senators Cantwell (Chair), Inouye, Kerry, Boxer, Lautenberg, Begich, Snowe, Wicker, LeMieux, Isakson, and Vitter.

Subcommittee on Science and Space: Senators Nelson (FL), Inouye, Kerry, Boxer, Pryor, Udall (NM), Warner, Vitter, Snowe, Ensign, Thune, Isakson, and Johanns.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security: Senators Lautenberg (Chair), Inouye, Kerry, Dorgan, Boxer, Cantwell, Pryor, Udall (NM), Warner, Begich, Thune,

Snowe, Ensign, DeMint, Wicker, Isakson, Vitter, Brownback, and Johanns.

Senators Rockefeller and Hutchison are ex-officio members of the subcommittees.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Joseph G. Pizarchik, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, Jose Antonio Garcia, of Florida, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy, and John R. Norris, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2012.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Marcia K. McNutt, of California, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, who was introduced by Representative Farr, and Arun Majumdar, of California, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PUBLIC LANDS AND FOREST LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 522, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 865 and H.R. 1442, bills to provide for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909, S. 881, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 940, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Nevada System of Higher Education certain Federal land located in Clark and Nye counties, Nevada, S. 1272, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild or recreation rivers, and S. 1689, to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and